Necessary remedial action has been taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Study Team.

Lowering of IRDP Targets by Karnataka

2166. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has commended the performance of Karnataka in implementation of the Twenty Point Programme;

(b) whether the Government of that State has unilatrally lowered the targets of IRDP and of other poverty elimination programmes; and

(c) if so, what is the Government's reaction in this regard and whether fresh targets have been assigned?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. The Planning Commission has not reviewed and commended the performance of Karnataka in implementation of the 20-Point Programme. However, a review was conducted in June, 1986 by the Minister of Programme Implementation. According to this review, based on the figures furnished by the State Government, Karnataka's rank in implementation of the 20-Point Programme was 11th in 1985-86; registering an improvement of one position over the previous year and four positions over 1983-84. Further, out of 26 items the State registered poor performance i.e. below 80 per cent of the target in 5 items, and ' Very Good' performance i.e. 90 per cent and above in 20 items. The 'Good' performance of the State Government is creditable particularly in view of the severe drought condition afflicting the State.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Underweighing of Foodgrains by F. C. I.

2168. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the time of booking of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India the Railway Receipts mention the actual weight or only words "said to contain" on the basis of the statement of the FCI officials;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of instances where the FCI officials actually loaded less weight but reported and obtained Railway Receipts for more so that on detection at the place of destination no one is held responsible for the shortage; and

(c) how many cases of such shortage were detected during last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI) AJIT PANJA): (a) The Railway Receipts mention the number of bags and the weight as reported by the Food Corporation of India in the forwarding note with the qualifying remarks said to contain' and 'senders weight acceptance'.

(b) Some cases of short loading have come to notice. In addition stocks have also been found short at the destination point which may be on account of pilferagees enroute or shortage due to multiple handling.

(c) All such shortages which occur in transit are accounted as transit loss. These are investigated by the FCI and appropriate action taken. The transit loss suffered by FCI for the last three years has been as under:

(Qty. in Lakh M.T.)

Year	Quantity moved	Transit loss	Percentage to ouantity moved
1982-83	188·6	5·14	2·73
1983-84	196·7	4·66	2·37
1984-85	166·3	3·92	2·36